

DEAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE DOLPHIN DIGEST



The Dolphin Digest will no longer be printed and handed out to families. As always, it will be on the Deal School Website at www.dealschool.org



Message from the Superintendent Dr. Anthony F. Moro, Jr.,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year and a big huge welcome to our new families. Once again, Deal School has been approved to be a Choice School for the 2012-2013 school year. Tell your friends and neighbors to log onto our website or contact the main office to see the guidelines and process for applying.

We welcome our newest addition to the Deal School professional staff, Mrs. Sharon Birman. Mrs. Birman will be teaching instrumental and vocal music. She comes to us with 4

successful years of teaching experience and holds a BA in Music Education from Kean University. Ms. Birman resides in Toms River with her husband and 5 children.

Each year the Deal Board of Education attempts to improve our school and its programs and this year is no different. The goals include:

- a. sharing services with Oceanport and the Township of Ocean in terms of Child Study Team Services, maintenance, technology and the cafeteria;
- b. purchasing lap top computers for our upper grade students.
- c. purchasing interactive white boards for our teachers.
- d. completing the window and floor tile projects;
- e. installing solar panels; and

- f. eventually, installing central air conditioning and new and brighter interior lights.

These are very ambitious goals but all very attainable.

Key changes in the NJ Law Against Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying took effect this past September, 2011.

As a result, all New Jersey Schools need to have an Anti-Bullying Coordinator, and a School Safety Team. Remember-bullying not only happens in a school building but also on busses and at home via the computer. It's everyone's responsibility to report it. Log onto our website at (www.dealschool.org) to report any alleged incident.

Lets all have a safe, healthy and successful school experience.

PTO NEWS:

Hello Everyone and Welcome!

For those new parents we would like to introduce ourselves.

Keelin Hutzley – mother of Ryan in grade 8 and Gage in grade 6, and Danielle DelCuore, mother of Olivia in grade 5 and Steven in first grade. We share the President position coming into the 2011-2012 school year.

We currently have board positions of Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary available to any interested parents!

Our first **PTO meeting** will be **Thursday, October 6th at 7:30** in the library.

We will be discussing upcoming events and any ideas parents may have for what they would like to see happen at Deal School in the way of enrichment that the PTO can bring to your children.

Membership remains open so if you have not yet returned your membership form please do so.

Our first fundraiser of the year begins September 21st and runs through October 5th. We have partnered with **Innisbrook Wraps**, one of the oldest names in fundraising that offers both a wide assortment and a significant value.

As always, your generosity is most appreciated.

We are starting off our assembly schedule with a bang! Literally! We welcome Mr. Fish on October 6th for two **Phenomenal Physics** assemblies for all grades. A renowned circus performer, Mr. Fish presents astounding tricks with scientific explanations. Using boomerangs, bubbles, bull whips, balloons and eggs, this program demonstrates velocity, friction, inertia, sonic booms, aerodynamics, arches, and more.

Our first **Family Fun Night** is soon thereafter on Wednesday, October 19th. We are having the first ever Deal School Hermit Crab Races and Ice Cream social. More details will be coming home soon.

To follow up on the survey sent home last year, we are moving forward with the planned **enhancement of our language program**. Over the summer Senorita Marmion and I discovered a similar but less expensive online language program called BYKI. After examining both Rosetta Stone and BYKI side by side, we have decided to go with BYKI. (www.transparent.com) The Board of Ed has purchased laptops with microphones for the students and as soon as they come in we will begin.

Additionally, we would like to ask for any **volunteers** who would like to donate an hour or two of their time to help in our **library**. In our ongoing attempt to bring Deal School forward, we need help sorting books, cataloging them and sprucing things up. If this appeals to you please contact either Danielle or myself for more information.

Again, to all our returning families, welcome back and to all our new faces- welcome to Deal, we are happy to have you.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on October 6th.

Best,

Keelin Hutzley

GRADE 2-MRS. DEITCH

We are off to a terrific start in grade two! Currently, we have eleven super second graders in our "community of learners". We welcome our new students, Kayla and Lauren to Deal School!

Our writing program is underway! The students are working on

publishing their first book, Read About Me, and are learning the steps to completing a thoughtful story. We are writing about kindness and can't wait to place this story in our portfolios.

In science class, we have examined the different parts of a plant and we are learning about plant life. Our social studies unit is about communities and those who live, work, and play together.

Parents, many thanks for your cooperation in sending the school supplies in so promptly.

As always, I am available to answer a question, concern, or discuss your child's progress. Send a note or e-mail and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Looking forward to a great year!



TECHNOLOGY-MRS. CUTLER

Welcome back to school! I hope that everybody had an enjoyable summer.

Please be on the lookout for a photo permission slip that was sent home the first week of school. I must keep one on file for each student. Throughout the year the Deal School website (www.dealschool.org) will be updated with fun photos from school events. Click on the Photo Gallery link and you might see some familiar faces!

Our school website is a great resource for other reasons as well. Some points of interest:

- Monthly and yearly calendars
- Upcoming events
- Deal School's PTO page
- Current lunch menu
- Sports game schedules
- School policies
- Teacher contact information
- Each issue of *The Dolphin Digest*

If you haven't already, take a look around!

Mrs. Cutler



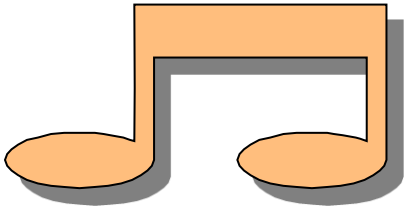
Remember getting all dressed **in your costume to go trick-or-treating**? Pure spooky joy. To keep it fun, everyone needs to stay safe. Here are 13 helpful tips to make sure your kids have a healthy and happy Halloween.

- **Have adult supervision.** Accompany your kids if you don't think they're old enough to trick-or-treat on their own.
- **There is safety in numbers.** If they're old enough to trick-or-treat without an adult, tell your kids to stay in a group.
- **Map out your plan.** Designate a route before your kids begin trick-or-treating, and make sure they stick to it.
- **Take the long way 'round.** Have your kids trick-or-treat in areas where there are a lot of people around. They should also avoid taking short-cuts through alleys and parking lots.
- **Try tick-or-treat-friendly homes.** Ensure your kids only visit houses with lights on. And, you might also suggest the houses they visit have some sort of Halloween decoration on the porch.
- **Stay outside.** Make sure your kids don't go inside someone's house. They can get their candy from the porch.
- **Remain visible.** Dress your kids in a bright costume so others can see them. If their costume is dark, have your kids wear reflective strips or carry a glow stick or flashlight.
- **Remember, shorter = safer.** Goes without saying but just in case you forget, ensure your kids' costumes aren't so long that they can trip over them.
- **Don't cover the face.** Instead of masks, have your kids wear make-up so they can see better.
- **Quality-check treats.** Check your kids' candy before they eat it. Throw out any candy that is not in its original wrapper or looks like it has been tampered with.
- **Say "no" to strangers.** Tell your kids to never accept a ride or go anywhere with a stranger.
- **Obey the law.** Encourage your kids to follow all the regular rules for walking around. That includes looking both ways before crossing, obeying all traffic laws and using

cross walks and crossing lights where available.

- **Have a great time!** Finally, make sure your kids have tons of fun and get lots and lots of candy.

MUSIC NEWS, MRS. BIRMAN:



Welcome to a new year of music, learning and fun!!

Kindergarten and first grade are already able to follow music room directions without me even saying a word! Piano cues instruct students to stand, sit, heads down, jump, tiptoe and many other rhythmic movements. It is fun and keeps our class on task and moving forward. We are also playing rhythm instruments and moving to musical “cues” while singing! What talent!

Second and third grades are reading, playing and writing their own rhythms to accompaniment from the “Rockin’ Rhythm Rap” program. They truly feel like Rock Stars when they accomplish their goals! We are also playing melody and harmonies on “Boom Whackers”. What is a “Boom Whacker”? Ask your second or third grader. I strongly recommend that you request that they sing the “Whacky Song” for you. We all LOVE it!

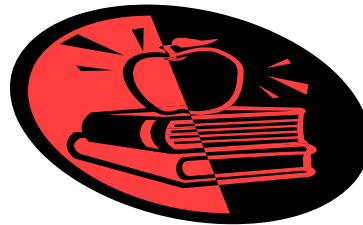
Grades 4 through 8 have decorated our music room ceiling with CD’s that they have designed representing their unique

qualities. It is quite a beautiful and colorful display. Grades 4 through eight are also welcome to join our Deal School Band. I have chosen some very original and exciting pieces for our first concert.

We will also be introduced to world rhythms while playing in a Drum Circle. Drum circles are an excellent way to promote students to work cooperatively and follow conducting cues to create a rewarding and unique musical experience.

We will be practicing some original and entertaining pieces for our Halloween presentation and our upcoming winter concert!

Peace, happiness and harmony!!



LANGUAGE ARTS/READING Grades 6-8

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

We welcome many members to Student Council this year.

President: Ryan Hutzley

Vice President: Cameron McIver

Treasurer: Makyla Jefferson

Secretary: Isabella Ramos

Class Representatives:

6th Nikki Thornton, Ricky Ades, Treana Neal

7th Valerie Faraday , Nathan Ades, Elliot Gindi

8th Madison Chalmers, Michael Bellina, Hayley Rienzo

Advisor: Mrs. Passarella

We are holding our annual Deal Sweats Sale. If you need quality sweats and want the school name on them, we offer many items. This year we are adding hats and small drawstring bags, which will be perfect for gym clothes.

With Halloween just around the corner, we will also be selling Boo Bags. Send a message to your favorite friend with a bag full of candy. The bag orders are due back by Oct. 21st. The cost is \$3 each. Forms will be sent home. If you need additional message tags, see any Student Council member.

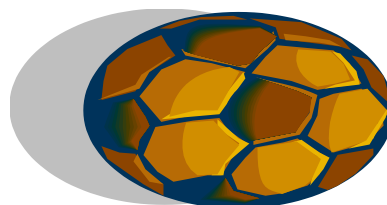
We look forward to a fun year with activities for the whole student body. Community service will also be on our activity list.

4th & 5th Grade Happenings

Welcome to all the new students in the 4th and 5th grade. We are just finishing our first reading units. The 4th Grade has been reading stories about Risk and Consequences. We designed our own space ships after reading a story about an astronaut-scientist, Mae Jemison. The 4th Grade will be starting their first novel, Frindle. The 5th has been reading stories in their Heritage Unit. We are now getting ready for the Ellis Island Heritage Day. To add to our unit stories we will be reading Journey to Ellis Island and a short book about Anne Frank. On October 25th we will journey to the real Ellis Island for a class trip. Everyone is welcome on October 27th from 10:30-11:45 to tour our Ellis Island Immigration Open House. Come meet the class immigrants, see our family treasures, hear family stories and taste ethnic foods.

REMINDER

12:30 PM Dismissal Days will be held the week of November 7th for Parent/Teacher Conferences



SOCCER NEWS

Mr. MARTIN

The Dolphins are halfway through their season and have shown nice improvement. The team has worked hard in practices since early September.

The Eight graders-Mike Bellina, Tim Catron, Jovan Cruz, Zach Faraday, Makyla Jefferson, and co-captains Haley Rienzo and Cameron McIver-have provided leadership for the youthful Dolphins. Seventh graders-Valerie Faraday and Nathan Ades have defended well. Elliot Gindi has shown sparkes on offense and played steady soccer on defense. Sixth grader, Jan Puzon provides endless energy on the field. A mighty corps of fifth graders have truly helped the Dolphins-Talula Dechev, Sasha Jarvis, Jack Landers, Jackson Pack, George Papageorge, Antonio Ramos, Manny Rosario, Claire Taylor and Antonio Vargas-and through their play indicate the future is bright for Deal Soccer.

This year's goal scorers are Jovan Cruz, Ryan Humelsine and George Papageorge. The Dolphins' goal keepers are Cameron McIver, Valerie Faraday and Antonio Ramos.

The Season ends on October 20 at home

versus Calvary.



OCTOBER CALENDAR:

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| <u>Wednesday, October 5</u> School Photo Day |
| <u>Thursday, October 6</u> <u>PTO Meeting-7:30 PM in Library</u> <u>Phenomenal Physics Assemblies</u> |
| <u>October 10</u> <u>School Closed</u> <u>Columbus Day</u> |
| <u>Wednesday, October 12</u> <u>Fire Truck Visit</u> |
| <u>Monday, October 17</u> <u>School Violence Awareness Week</u> |
| <u>Wednesday, October 19</u> <u>Hermit Crab Races and Ice Cream</u> <u>Social</u> |
| <u>Friday, October 21</u> <u>Dental Awareness Assembly</u> <u>K-4 1:00 PM</u> <u>5-8 1:30 PM</u> |
| <u>Monday, October 31</u> <u>Halloween Parade-1:00 PM</u> |

Student Lunches are \$2.50.

District Emergency Notification System-School Messenger Parents will be notified regarding emergency closing and early dismissals.

Pick-Up/Dismissal Procedure

To reinforce the importance of the safety of our children and to avoid safety hazards or delays, please adhere to the following requirements:

1. Dismissal time is 3:00pm
2. Pick up children at the Circle in front of the school only
3. Move up in line to keep the circle filled
4. *Do not* leave your car while in line
5. Do not pick children up on Roseld Avenue

6. Join the excess car line on the north side of Roseld Avenue to avoid congestion at the school entrance

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“The Dolphin Digest”

We are seeking all school-related information, including student milestones such as winning an award, after school activities, articles written by students, theatrical and Deal School sports reviews, class, team and club news, and more.



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